

**THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.**

**PRESENT:** Anthony B. Toran, President, Matt Denison, Chas Hunter, Police Chief Merl Harl, Corporal Todd Bailey, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry, Flood Control Director Ron Granger

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mr. Toran called the meeting to order 10:03 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Toran called for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001**

**Item #1 - Ms. Flowers re: semi-trucks driving around the corner of Roanoke and McDonald knocking down the stop sign and ruining pavement.**

**Ms. Wisman** stated that she lives down the road from here and there is a problem with Semi Trucks trying to turn off of Roanoke onto McDonald Lane and this area is barely wide enough for two cars to be on the road and a semi-truck should not be allowed to drive down this street.

**Mr. Simons** reported that problem is at the corner of Roanoke and Twin Oaks with the Lumber Company and if they put up a sign to force the trucks to go over Twin Oaks to Charlestown Rd that would alleviate a lot of the problem.

**Ms. Wisman** stated that the last time they knocked the stop sign over Mrs. Flower's planted some flowers and such to try and keep people from running up on the curb but it all got knocked over by a semi-truck

**Mr. Hunter** asked Mr. Simons to go out with him and take a look at the area and then they could make a report to the Board at the next meeting.

**Item #2 - Jason Cooperwaite, Paul Primavera re: Review Plat University Station, Section II**

**Mr. Primavera** presented the final plat for University Station Section 2, which is off of Grantline Road on Galena Drive which will be a private drive and this would be an extension of those private streets. He stated that the hydrant locations were approved by Major Banet and the Engineers have reviewed the drainage and approved those. He explained that they are still working with the Sewer Board to determine where the sewers should go and which basin they will go to and for that reason they have been unable to post the bond.

**Mr. Hunter** stated that this has been approved by the plan Commission and this board doesn't have to accept any new streets into the city of New Albany because it is all private.

**Mr. Wood** stated that they need to approve the utility easements.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #3 - Officer Darren State re: Handicap spot 1714 Ekin Ave.**

**Officer State** reported that Ms. Sharon Green at 1714 Ekin Avenue has MS and has requested a space in front of her residence. She has had four surgeries this year alone and he would recommend that the board approve this request.

**Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #4 - Tony Nevitt re: special musical event for Steinart's Tavern**

**Mr. Nevitt** presented a written request for a Special Event Permit, which is on file with the City Clerk's office.

**Mr. Toran** asked him if he had talked with the neighbors.

**Mr. Nevitt** stated that they were going to get a petition from the neighbors if they went from 9 – 1, but they instead moved the time back to 8 – 12 rather than go to the neighbors

**Mr. Denison** stated that his concerns the last time they were here was with the lack of availability of law enforcement and as well as the issue with the neighboring residents as well as parking.

**Mr. Nevitt** stated that they would be using a lot off of Silver Street so there would be no one crossing Charlestown Rd. He stated that he has been doing live music for years and they can direct the sound by tenting the event away from the residence.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he is only concerned because in the past they have had some calls about the music when it is indoors and he just has some reservations of the event going that late.

**Mr. Nevitt** asked what number they are looking for as far as petitioners go in that area that would help the approval of the process.

**Mr. Denison** stated that he didn't believe it was numbers but just getting permission from the residence that live near by.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he would suggest a six or seven block radius.

**Mr. Nevitt** stated that they anticipated that as far as security goes they will be self sufficient because they are going to use some off duty officers to help out with the event.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he would like for them to get the petition but he still has some safety concerns.

**Mr. Nevitt** asked what they could do to alleviate these concerns.

**Mr. Toran** stated that it isn't just concerns with them but as far as the police department's ability to respond if something were to happen.

**Mr. Nevitt** stated that they will have 10-12 security personnel on that evening not just the four off duty officers and this is not a lot more than they deal with on a normal weekend. He stated that he anticipates around a hundred more people than they would normally have.

**Mr. Toran** asked that they get the petition to them as well as the names of the two off duty officers so that they may check that out as well.

**Item #5 - Bryce Fuller QK4 re: 2535 Charlestown Rd development curb cut**

**Mr. Fuller** presented a request to move the curb cut on a new development on Charlestown.

**Mr. Denison moved to approve contingent upon Mr. Hunter's approval, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #6 - Mary Jo Gohmann with Friends of the Library re: banner on Main Street October 22-November 11<sup>th</sup> for book auction. 812-948-8553**

**Ms. Gohmann** requested that they would like to hang a banner on Main Street for the Friends of the Library at the end of October for a book auction.

**There was some discussion about the possibility of finding two more locations for banners and Mr. Toran asked Mr. Simons to check out both Main and State Street and have an answer for him by 3:00 p.m. that afternoon.**

**Item #7 - Marcey Wisman re: Culbertson Mansion request for Haunted House Banner from September 24 – October 29 on Main Street.**

**Mr. Denison moved to approve both the banners pending that the Street Commissioner can find two new locations for banners, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #8 – Scott Wood re: request authorization for engineering service for Mt. Tabor Rd. improvements.**

**Mr. Wood** stated that this is a two fold issue. He stated that first they have to decline the in house engineer and secondly put it out for bids. He stated that this is the same for item

**Mr. Hunter** asked if it is Redevelopment or Planning that does the paperwork on this once it is authorized.

**Mr. Wood** stated that these would be federal aid projects and they would be working with INDOT on the projects and the planning staff on behalf of the Board of Works would do the negotiations.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve engineering services for both 8 and 9, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #9 - Scott Wood re: request authorization for engineering services for McDonald Lane.**

**Item #10 - Scott Wood re: St. Mary's Church request extension of East 8<sup>th</sup> Street Closure October 6<sup>th</sup> to 8:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Wood** explained that St. Mary's wanted an extension of the closing time on East 8<sup>th</sup> Street until 8: p.m. for the Fall Family Festival.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #11 - Gary Engleman, Cornell-Harbison Excavating re: street closure 11<sup>th</sup> & Ekin Ave.**

**Mr. Engleman** reported that they have been hired by EMC to do sewer work at the intersection of E. 11<sup>th</sup> and Ekin Avenue and he will need to close the intersection and reroute traffic for possibly three (3) days.

**Mr. Toran** was concerned about the traffic coming down to that work and using resident's driveway for a turn around.

**Mr. Engleman** stated that they can close the street prior to this location and put up signs for local traffic only.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the board’s concerns with the traffic.**

**Mr. Denison moved to approve subject to Mr. Hunter setting a detour plan, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #12 - Marcey Wisman re: Operating Approval for Horse Drawn Carriage Service for the Harvest Homecoming.**

**Mr. Denison moved to approve the request, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Toran** requested that this Sunday Galatians Church and Jones Memorial Church would like to have permission to have a joint service in one of the public housing complexes Beachwood Housing from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Ms. Wisman** reported that she is on the design committee with the DNA and they have received some grant money to have new “Welcome to New Albany” signs designed and made to go on the entrance off of I-64, they would like to get with the city before they have anything designed as far as welcome signs go so that they are similar and look the same.

**Mr. Granger** stated that he has had residents complaining about yard sale signs being attached to phone poles and he thought there was an ordinance against that.

**Mr. Toran** stated that they should be yanked down.

**Mr. Simons** reported that the curb between the high rise the eye doctors on W. First needs to be a yellow curb because of the large trucks that have been parked there and they are working on the trucks parked on the side of the road.

**Mr. Hunter** complimented the Street Commissioner and the company that performed the stripping on the newly paved streets.

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**BIDS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Toran moved to approve the September 4<sup>th</sup> minutes, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor except Mr. Hunter abstained**

**ADJOURN:**

**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Anthony B. Toran, President  
Board of Public Works & Safety**

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**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk  
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**